

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	25.6.84	MIN.	MAX.	
AMSTERDAM	10	15	19	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	10	15	18	Cloudy
BIRMINGHAM	8	14	19	Clear
CHICAGO	16	21	26	Clear
COPENHAGEN	7	10	14	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	8	14	19	Clear
GENEVA	14	17	21	Cloudy
HELSINKI	16	19	24	Cloudy
HONG KONG	28	29	31	Rain
JERUSALEM	5	11	15	Clear
LONDON	19	24	29	Clear
LUXEMBOURG	15	19	24	Clear
MADRID	15	19	24	Clear
MONTREAL	15	19	24	Clear
NEW YORK	21	26	31	Clear
OSLO	9	14	19	Cloudy
PARIS	15	19	24	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	15	19	24	Clear
SAO PAULO	12	14	17	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	10	14	18	Cloudy
TOKYO	18	21	24	Rain
TORONTO	18	21	24	Cloudy
ZURICH	14	17	21	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	52	18-28	20
Golan	32	15-30	31
Nahariya	32	15-30	31
Salad	15	18-29	30
Haifa Port	65	22-27	28
Tiberias	32	18-34	35
Nazareth	38	19-29	30
Atula	41	20-31	35
Shomron	32	20-30	31
Tel Aviv	58	19-28	28
B-G Airport	42	17-30	31
Jericho	20	19-28	28
Gaza	22	20-27	27
Beersheva	25	17-34	35
Eilat	15	26-40	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The National Emuna English-speaking chapters are holding their annual Woman of Valour luncheon on Wednesday June 27 at the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem. Guest of honour: Tova Sanhedrai Goldreich.

ARRIVALS

Kenneth Bialan, national chairman, and Abraham Foxman, associate national director, of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Kiryat Motzkin mayor Moshe Goshen dies

KIRYAT MOTZKIN (Itim). — The mayor of this town, Moshe Goshen, died yesterday afternoon in Haifa's Rambam Hospital. He was 62.
Goshen had a severe heart attack last week during an Alignment campaign rally in Kiryat Motzkin. After resuscitation efforts by Magen David Adom staff, he was rushed to Rambam Hospital in an intensive-care ambulance.
Funeral details will be announced.

Accused burglar freed so he can sell watermelons

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man charged with burglary was released by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday so that he could sell the watermelons in which he had invested heavily before they all rotted.
The man, Shimon Hazan, 29, was the first person charged in the case nicknamed the "Shibazi quarter safe-cracking gang." The gang is suspected of committing a series of Tel Aviv-area burglaries.

In rejecting the prosecution's request to detain Hazan until the end of his trial, Judge Itamar Pipel noted that the defendant had invested all of his savings and taken out loans to buy up watermelons. Pipel ruled that Hazan could sell watermelons from 5.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and that during the remaining hours he would be confined to his house.

The defence counsel contended that preventing Hazan from selling the watermelons would cause his financial ruin.

4 local authorities face electricity blackout

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Israel Electric Corporation (IEC) intends to disconnect power supplies to four local authorities today unless they pay outstanding debts totalling more than IS\$2.4 million, the IEC spokesman said yesterday.
The authorities are those of Bnei Brak, which owes IS\$1.6 million, Petah Tikva (IS\$1.3 million), Yehud (IS\$1.7 million), and Rosh Ha'ayin (IS\$2.4 million).
In the first stage electricity to the town halls will be disconnected, he said.

This Week — Civil Defence Exercises in the Nes Ziona, Yehud, Mitzpe Ramon and Tel Aviv-Yafo Areas

Civil Defence (Raga) exercises will be held this week at the following places:
Tuesday, June 26, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. — in the Nes Ziona area.
Wednesday, June 27, between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. — in the Yehud area.
Thursday, June 28, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.:
* in the Mitzpe Ramon area
* in the Tel Aviv-Yafo area
During the course of the exercises, there will be simulated firing and explosions and the all clear will be sounded. In case of an actual alarm sirens will be sounded on an ascending/descending scale.

HOME NEWS

Tehiya's 'big four' draw small crowd in Jerusalem

A Tehiya Party rally yesterday evening — the first election rally to be held in the refurbished park next to the former Knesset building in Downtown Jerusalem — drew a few hundred people.

Former chief of staff Rafael Eitan arrived straight from a home for the aged in Motza, just outside the capital, where about 50 senior citizens nodded politely to his promise not to be like any other politician.

Eitan had flown 3½ hours in the morning as part of his reserve duty. "That's why I'm late," he said at the start of the Motza session. Eitan seemed to alienate some of his audience by allowing no time for questions and answers because he had to be in town for the main event of the day, the rally in what Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman, Number One on the list, described as "the place where democracy began in this country."

Ne'eman told the gathering in the park that Tehiya is "the third force" in Israeli politics, needing only the power to bring "new solutions" to the country's problems.

Ne'eman was received with quiet courtesy from the mostly young crowd.

Eitan then took the platform, promising "Jewish, national and Zionist education." This earned him more applause than Ne'eman had

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received.
Knesset Member Geula Cohen earned the most applause at the rally, which grew from about 100 activists to about 500 onlookers as the speeches wore on. Cohen said that the Temple Mount is "a wound in the heart" of Jerusalem. To applause from the activists in the crowd, she demanded that the police investigate whether there are "ammunition dumps" in the Moslem sites on the Temple Mount, and promised that just as she had instigated the Jerusalem Law, she would do something about that "wound in the heart" of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Eliezer Waldman of Kiryat Arba, whose son-in-law is one of the accused in the Jewish terror group, disagreed with Cohen. All of Eretz Yisrael is the people's heart, he said. But the sound system was going bad by the time he began speaking, so it was hard to understand everything he said.

The rally ended after exactly one hour. The *Harikva* was then played, and a group of people stood around talking about what they had heard.

Solidarity with Ethiopian Jews a secret

By LIOA MORIEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHKELON. — Some 60 delegates of the current Jewish Agency Assembly who came on a field trip to Ashkelon yesterday may be the only people in the country who know about the Absorption Ministry's Solidarity Week with Ethiopian Jewry.

The director of the local community centre here knew nothing about the project, nor did the man in charge of the local absorption centre where the Ethiopian newcomers live. The absorption centre is run by the Jewish Agency; the ministry

takes care of olim after they have permanent housing.

The Jewish Agency visitors saw a performance of songs and dances by a small Ethiopian choir at the local tennis centre and viewed a photo exhibition of Ethiopian Jews. There was also an exhibition of Ethiopian handicrafts.

An Ethiopian Jew who has lived in Ashkelon for 20 years told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had just returned from a two-week course at Beth Hatefutsoth in Tel Aviv, where he and other Ethiopian Jews had received instruction in their own language.

Yad Vashem gets names of Stuttgart Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The mayor of Stuttgart, Manfred Rommel, yesterday handed over to Yad Vashem a memorial book containing the names of all his city's Jewish residents who were driven out of the country by the Nazis or deported to death camps.

Rommel is the son of the late field marshal Erwin Rommel, "the Desert Fox."

During a visit here two years ago, the mayor conceived the idea of putting together the book. The first German city to make such a gesture was Hamburg, in 1965. It was followed by Ludwigshurg, Regensburg

and others. The city of Kassel is now preparing a similar volume.

At yesterday's ceremony, Rommel was accompanied by the prime minister of the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Lothar Spaeth; the speaker of the state parliament, Erich Schneider; the head of the local Christian Democratic Union party branch, Erwin Teufel; and the chairman of the Organization of Jewish Communities in Germany, Werner Nachmann.

The German ambassador in Israel, Dr. Niels Hansen, and Yad Vashem head Dr. Yitzhak Arad also attended the solemn ceremony.



Israel Television's news director, Michael Karpin (left), and the head of the TV journalists works committee, Rafik Halaby, on their way to yesterday's High Court of Justice hearing at the Supreme Court building in Jerusalem's Russian Compound. (Isaac Harari)

ENGINEERS-ACADEMICS

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break away from the Histadrut and strike.

The Nurses Union is preparing its fight for wage negotiations.

Moria Galili, the union's secretary, told *The Post* that the two-week mandatory waiting period after announcing a labour dispute ends today. She said that her union will decide on its action within a few days.

They will try to explain the situation to the public, she said, but "every time we will hit without prior announcement."

The 300 Jewish workers in the

Judea and Samaria civil administration resumed regular work yesterday afternoon. They ended a three-day work action after being promised that a special committee will look into their demand that their pay be made equal to that of soldiers serving in the regular army.

Meanwhile, acting Trade Union Department head Efraim Ziloni is preparing to open negotiations with the private employers over the minimum wage in that sector.

DEVALUATION

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that the devaluation yesterday, and the new restrictions in buying foreign currency that were announced last week, presage more comprehensive economic initiatives. This reflects the line of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, that there is no point and no need for hasty, ill-considered measures before the elections.

However, some of his colleagues, notably his predecessor, Yoram Aridor, as well as Yitzhak Moda'i and Ariel Sharon, are believed to be pressing strongly for the implementation of "dramatic" measures, such as "dollarization" or a similar sweeping currency reform, to stem the growing panic that is taking root among broad sectors of the public, and which may become a major factor in the weeks left to election day.



A group of male prisoners from the Maasiahu jail is shown around the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus yesterday by students who also teach in the prison. (Yossi Zamir, Scoop 80)

Kinneret is 'alive and well', experts say

By HELGA DUDMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

DEGANYA ALEPH. — Lake Kinneret is alive and well. According to environmental experts, the water level is satisfactory for this time of year, pollution is less than it was 10 years ago, and beach facilities are increasing.

The balance between development and environmental quality was stressed during a tour around the

lake yesterday for winners of prizes awarded annually to local communities by the Environmental Control Service of the Interior Ministry.

At yesterday's prize ceremony at Deganya, the five winners were small Galilee localities — the mixed Jewish-Arab town of Ma'alot-Tarshiha, Kfar Tavor, Menahemiya, and the Kfar-Arab village of Pe'ki'in. The prize-winning city, Rishon LeZion, was the southernmost community, and not one city from the

Dan area reached the second stage of the competition.

The settlements were graded on such points as garbage collection, general cleanliness, landscaping and road markings. The prize for an individual went to Menashe Ben-Shalom, chairman of the Kinneret Authority.

During the tour, water was practically unavailable but there was plenty of soft drinks in plastic bottles.

Study of murders for breaking Arab taboos

'Family honour' depends on who knows what

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Arabs will murder a woman for having illicit sexual activity only when the matter becomes public knowledge, according to recent research into slayings to preserve "family honour."

According to Dr. Ya'acov Ginat of Haifa University, such murders also generally occur only after a woman's male relative has been taunted over her sexual conduct.

In an interview on Gali Tzahal on Saturday, Ginat said relatives sometimes force the father or brother to commit the murder.

Ginat also said he knows of no one who has served more than 12 years in prison for a "family honour" murder. The district courts have no choice but to pronounce a life sen-

ence for murder, but these cases are presented to the president with a request for pardon, he said.

The life sentence is usually commuted to a definite number of years so that the prisoner can get vacations and earn a one-third reduction of his sentence for good behaviour in prison, he said.

In talking about other research he had done in Arab villages and among Beduin, Ginat said the status of women in Arab villages is in some ways higher than it looks.

"They have the strength of the weak," he said. He cited the fact that a married woman does not inherit from her father, but that her brothers are required to visit her on religious holidays and other occasions and to give her presents on each visit. The presents, usually

money, are the wife's property and cannot be touched by the husband. This money gives her independence, and Ginat said he knows of cases where husbands borrowed such money from their wives and later repaid the debt in full.

Ginat also said that the nationalism expressed by Israeli Arabs today is not Palestinian nationalism but a special brand of local nationalism with which the authorities have not yet learned to cope.

"Arab students at Haifa University may chant Bassam Shaka's name during a demonstration, or say they support the PLO, but what really concerns them is the problems they face in everyday life, such as what kind of job they will get when they graduate."

TV battle

Israeli rule.

The last to speak in this round was Yitzhak Navon, who used his "presidential-avuncular role" to attack the Likud rhetoric that branded the Alignment as "PLO supporters or traitors." He condemned these terms in the same language he used as president to try to curb politicians' excesses in aggressive language.

The Likud, for its part, got a stronger message in the last of its three clips in quotations from people who said they are Likud supporters. One of these quotes a young woman saying, "Before the Likud there was nothing here," seems bound to provoke comments from the Alignment.

It is a strong sentiment, which was echoed in other quotes from people and probably the strongest line in an otherwise weak Likud production.

All the parties' jingles, in musical terms, were military marches grafted onto commercial advertising arrangements.

This was true of all the lists, including the avowedly non-militarist Citizens Rights Movement. The latter was one of the best two of the small lists — the other being the

National Religious Party. The CRM clip had particularly effective black-and-white news shots of human-rights abuses accompanied by a simulated heartbeat.

The NRP, for its part, got its message through saying that without the party the state-religious education system would be endangered. The message was basically, "Look what we (the national-religious public) stand to lose if we split between different parties."

Worst-looking of the lot was Mordechai Ben-Porat's presentation, which an impromptu poll of film people said was "amateurish." In between were Yigael Hurvitz's Omert list and Tami.

Many politicians on the hustings, some of whom complained of a campaign that they saw as "asleep," will now begin to work in earnest. What happens on the ground, they say, will be a reflection of what we see the night before on television.

'Tastier food' in IDF

Food served to soldiers in the Israel Defence Forces will be more nutritious, more varied and tastier, graduates were told at a ceremony marking the end of a course for army cooks held at the Tadmor Hotel in Jerusalem.

Shamir hails Shultz remark on terrorists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday welcomed U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's view of terrorist enemies of Israel as enemies of the U.S.

At a luncheon hosted by French ambassador Jacques-Pierre Dupont, Shamir said that the "PLO is on its way out and will disappear from the international arena," in the wake of the Lebanon war.

The luncheon yesterday was attended by representatives of all 10 European Community nations and Shamir commented on a wide range of international issues.

He said that Israel has "de facto good relations" with Jordan but noted that there are several problems that may be easier to solve than the Palestinian problem. Ecological problems in the port area shared by Eilat and Akaba resulting from Akaba's use as an oil route for Iraq, fresh-water problems and problems regarding sewage control could all be solved more easily than the Palestinian issue, he said.

Shamir also applauded Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali for describing Israel-Egypt relations as "not a state of non-belligerency, but rather a state of peace." But the premier called for better relations with Egypt.

Shultz spoke over the weekend at a conference on international terrorism, saying that the U.S. regards the terrorists who attack Israel as enemies of the U.S. He called on the West to take active rather than passive defensive measures against international terrorists.

Egypt, Sudan vow common defence

ALEXANDRIA (Reuters). — Egypt and Sudan pledged yesterday to take joint defensive action against any foreign aggression aimed at them, according to a communique issued here.

It was released after a 4½-hour session of the Egyptian-Sudan higher integration council presided over by Presidents Hosni Mubarak and Ja'afar Numeiri.

It said the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to "protecting the Nile Valley through a common defence against external aggression aimed at either country."

Egypt and Sudan signed an integration pact in 1982 that provides for close military ties.

TV-RADIO

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to ask the Knesset to change the statutes relating to the TBA so that it can have budgetary independence.

At the High Court yesterday, Yehuda Ressler, legal counsel for the journalists, failed to convince the panel that television is only one of many avenues for electioneering, and therefore is not vital to the campaign.

He said that this was evidenced by tomorrow's programme schedule, in which campaign broadcast has been replaced by the European Cup finals.

Here, Justice Meir Shamgar interjected that a temporary suspension differs from cancellation, he added that some of the smaller parties with limited financial resources would not really be contesting the elections if the possibility of reaching the public via the electronic media did not exist.

Renato Yaron, appearing for the government, was not asked by the bench to present his case.

The panel then decided not to make permanent the temporary injunction holding up the journalists' back-to-work orders, and the applicants were ordered to pay court costs of IS200,000.

IBA legal advisor Natan Cohen later told *The Jerusalem Post* that the ruling established a precedent in determining under what conditions emergency work orders could be issued.

Our dearest

LUDWIG ADLER 5-1

is no more.

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, June 26, at 11 a.m., leaving from the main gate of the Hof Hacarmel Cemetery.

Eva
Rafi and Orna Adler
Dorit and Art Silver
Oren, Rona and Corin
Meta and Yacov Dreifus

On the first anniversary of the death in action of our member

MOSHE EDELSTEIN 5-1

we will meet to honour his memory at the graveside on Wednesday, June 27, 1984 at 3 30 p.m.

The Family and Beit Ramat David

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our beloved

DVORA TWINA 5-1

nee Hochmann

we will hold a memorial service at the grave on Wednesday, June 27, 1984 at 4 p.m. at the Ramat Hasharon cemetery, Tzomet Morasha.

Hochmann and Twina Families

Our dear mother and grandmother

ERNA WOLFSOHN

has passed away peacefully

The burial took place in Haifa yesterday.

Shoshana and Naftali Kadmon
Guni and Martine Kadmon
Aviv and Orni Yadin
Ilana Kadmon

On the third anniversary of the death of our dear

FAIGEL BRAUDE 5-1

there will be a memorial service on Friday, June 29, 1984, at 11 a.m., at Herzliya Cemetery.

The Family

Ramallah journalist ordered confined to town for 6 months

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Israeli authorities in Samaria have issued a six-month town-restriction order on Radwan Abu Ayash, a Palestinian journalist who works for the Palestine Press Service in Jerusalem.

Abu Ayash was turned back at the Allenby Bridge by secret servicemen on Friday morning while on his way to Amman to take up a U.S. government-funded trip to the U.S.

High Court issues order on Shabbat law

The High Court of Justice yesterday ordered Interior Minister Yosef Burg to show cause why he should not approve a Petah Tikva municipal by-law permitting businesses to open on Shabbat.

The by-law would empower the Petah Tikva mayor to permit the opening of specific businesses on Shabbat. Municipal by-laws must be approved by the interior minister.

Responding to a petition by the

that would have also allowed him to observe the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

On Sunday morning he was served with the town-restriction order, which confines him to Ramallah for the next six months. According to Abu Ayash, the order accuses him of being a senior PLO activist. Israeli military sources would confirm only that his freedom of movement was being restricted for "security reasons."

Petah Tikva municipality and Mayor Dov Tavori, Justices Dov Levine, Shoshana Natanyahu and Avraham Halima gave Burg 45 days to explain why he should not approve the law.

The petition argues that the municipality would not have fulfilled its duty to the town's residents if it did not make it possible for them to enjoy the same amount of entertainment as is available in neighbouring cities. (Iim)

Attorney-general closes probe against MK Shalit

The attorney-general has decided not to file charges against Knesset Member Benny Shalit on allegations that he got more financial aid than he was entitled to from the Housing Ministry to build his home in Menahem, whose local council he heads, the Justice Ministry announced yesterday.

But the ministry noted that Shalit had undertaken to pay back, linked with interest, sums above what he should have received. Normally, anyone submitting false data on a request for Housing Ministry aid could expect to face criminal pro-

ceedings, but in Shalit's case there were special circumstances, the Ministry said. For several years, the Housing Ministry has not prosecuted others who submitted false data in similar circumstances, the ministry said.

The attorney-general also decided to close an investigation into allegations that Shalit had accepted sexual and other bribes in his position of local council chairman, saying a thorough probe had not turned up enough material on which to base charges.

Four killed on roads

Jerusalem Post Staff
Four persons were killed and one was seriously injured yesterday and Sunday in four road accidents in the Gaza District and the Golan Heights.

An ambulance travelling on the main north-south road in the Gaza District struck and killed a pedestrian, Maryam Salah, 60. The police are investigating.

In an accident in the city of Gaza, 60-year-old Halima Ramadan was killed and her husband Matu'a Ramadan, 75, was critically injured while crossing a street.

In the Katif Bloc, the driver of a donkey-drawn cart was hit and killed by a car driven by a resident of Ganei Shimon.

A 12-year-old resident of Kabatiya village in Samaria was run over

and killed by a bus Sunday night near Givat Yoav in the Golan Heights. After workers from Jenin got on the bus to return home after work, the bus backed up and ran over Fawzi Yassin, who was sleeping near the bus stop. The driver was arrested for interrogation.

According to a report just released by the Haifa municipal road safety office, the number of persons killed and injured on the roads in the Haifa district has dropped considerably during the past four years despite an increase nationally.

There were 687 road accidents in the district in 1983 compared to 906 in 1980, a drop of more than 23 per cent. The number of road fatalities last year was 12, compared to 17 in 1980.



The first baby is born yesterday at the new maternity wing of the Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava. A special feature of the new facility, which cost \$10 million, is that it enables fathers to be present.

Lion droppings keep gazelles out of fields

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Farmers throughout the country are enthusiastic about a novel — and natural — method of beating the perennial problem of gazelles grazing in their fields.

The farmers are ringing their crops with the droppings of lions.

The scent of the predatory cats is apparently enough to keep the voracious herds from coming near the fields.

Conservationists are just as pleased with the technique as farmers, for it solves the problem without endangering the gazelles which are a protected species.

The technique was introduced here after Eric Isaacson of Kibbutz Alumim in the northern Negev read

about it in an American agricultural journal.

Isaacson then contacted the Safari Park at Ramat Gan and requested 10 kilos of lion droppings.

Curator Amelia Terkel was sceptical, but said that she had noticed that other animals fear to go where the lions tread. She therefore complied with the unusual request.

The farmers of Alumim placed the droppings near a new field of corn and cotton, and the gazelles did not come near the fields for about two weeks. Benny Shmuelovitch, head of field crops at the kibbutz, said this was sufficient, since after the young crops reach a certain height there is no problem with the gazelles.

The news of the success of the method travelled along the farmers'

grapevine as far as Ramot Naftali and Ramot Yissachar in the north, where huge herds of gazelles are playing havoc with crops.

Several of the kibbutzim in Galilee have asked the Safari Park for lion droppings. With a population of about 40 lions, the park says it is unable to meet all the demand.

Safari Park veterinarian Mordechai Levinson told *The Jerusalem Post* that he is willing to provide any kibbutz a regular supply of droppings in return for a regular supply of food for the lions.

Shmuelovitch meanwhile has asked the Agricultural Research Organization to try to develop a synthetic substitute for the spoor.

He believes that this will be the only way to satisfy the demand.

Israeli tourist wins Rumanian damages

TEL AVIV (Iim). — The Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday ordered the Rumanian National Tourist Corporation to pay an Israeli citizen almost IS700,000 compensation, after his holiday in Rumania was ruined by the security police there.

Alexander Kostin flew to Bucharest in January for a winter holiday with friends. He paid in advance for his stay in a Bucharest hotel. He told the court that, on arriving in Bucharest, he was compelled to "volunteer" his Parker pen and three packets of cigarettes to a border guard at the airport.

That night he was arrested by security policemen in his hotel room

and taken back to the airport, where he was held incommunicado for 18 hours. His vacation, he maintained, was ruined, and he was forced to take a plane back to Israel, paying for the difference in the price of the special ticket.

The Rumanian Tourist Corporation was not represented in court. The court ordered the corporation, which maintains an office in Tel Aviv, to pay compensation amounting to IS697,860, for air tickets, hotel accommodation, a Parker pen, cigarettes, loss of income from work, purchase of winter clothes, suffering and shame. The corporation was also ordered to pay IS40,000 advocate's costs.

Jews from Hungary to convene in Israel

TEL AVIV. — A delegation of Hungarian Jews is to visit Israel next month for the first time since diplomatic relations between the two countries were severed in 1967. They are to attend a world congress of Jews of Hungarian origin, organizers of the congress announced at a press conference here yesterday.

The congress, which will be held mostly in Jerusalem between July 9 and 13, will include a convention of the World Federation of Hungarian Jewry.

About 300 guests from abroad are expected, along with several hundred Israelis of Hungarian origin.

Fire brigades drill response to crash landing at airport

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Aviation Reporter

Scores of firemen, Magen David Adom, personnel, soldiers and policemen yesterday took part in an exercise designed to test how well they can cope with a passenger-jet crash landing.

The International Civil Aviation Organization requires such drills, and yesterday was the first time a test was held at Ben-Gurion Airport for the worst scenario, in which a Boeing 707 hits the ground and catches fire. The exercise was based on a plane carrying 100 passengers, eight crew members and 5,000 litres of fuel.

When fuel barrels were lit near the tail and fuselage of an old Boeing 707, the alarm was sounded and

huge Aviation Authority firetrucks sped toward the aircraft.

Fire brigade officers said they must start fighting the fire within 100 to 120 seconds or it will be too late. There were conflicting estimates of how long it actually took the fire fighters to arrive, ranging from 45 seconds for the first truck to 120 seconds.

The trucks drenched the fuselage with white foam. El Al and Israel Defence Forces fire trucks arrived shortly after.

Sometime later ambulances arrived and first aid stations were set up on the runway. Doctors examined 60 soldiers who played the "wounded." Some were bandaged, while medics did mock resuscitation on others.

Police swoop nets 60 drug suspects

NETANYA (Iim). — Sixty suspected drug dealers were arrested in the early hours of yesterday morning, mostly in Netanya and Petah Tikva, in a special police round-up.

Police, Border Policemen, and civil guards volunteers participated in the swoop, which resulted in the arrest of many suspects with police

records and convictions for violent crimes.

Unspecified quantities of heroin, adolan and hashish were seized during the operation, which was the culmination of seven months work in the area by two undercover agents.

The suspects will be brought before the local magistrate's court this morning.

Court to decide today on destruction of hashish

TEL AVIV (Iim). — The Tel Aviv District Court here is to rule today on a police request to be allowed to destroy 1,360 tons of hashish recently smuggled into the country from Lebanon, before the charge sheets against the five suspects in the case have been submitted to the court.

The police contend that guarding the "huge quantity" of hashish places a heavy burden on their limited manpower. They also state that the overpowering smell of so much hashish causes dulling of the senses and drowsiness among the guards, who

must be changed every 10 minutes so they don't fall asleep.

The defence counsel, however, points out that destroying evidence before the submission of a charge sheet is against the law and contends that destroying all the sacks allegedly containing the drug will make it impossible to determine the exact amount of hashish under consideration.

Five Jaffa residents, Ismail Abu Radan, three of his sons and a nephew, are being held on suspicion of smuggling the hashish into Israel in their gravel truck.

W. Bank residents jailed for violating Ramadan

NABLUS (Iim). — More than 30 Moslem residents of Judea and Samaria have been found guilty by local courts of publicly breaking the Ramadan fast, and have been sentenced to 14 days in jail and heavy fines.

According to Jordanian law which is in force in the West Bank, eating

or drinking in public places during the month-long Moslem fast is strictly forbidden.

The individuals tried on charges of violating the fast had been arrested while eating or drinking in front of other fasters. They were quickly brought to trial, and convicted and sentenced by local judges.

NEW LOCKUP. — A new lockup for prisoners awaiting trial has been opened at the Beersheba jail, with a capacity for 100 detainees. Until now detainees were housed in the local police station lockup, where as many as 80 were sometimes housed in a facility for 47.

TWINS. — A delegation from Oyama, Japan, came to Israel recently to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the signing of its twinning agreement with the Megiddo Regional Council, the first such agreement between a Japanese city and an area in Israel.

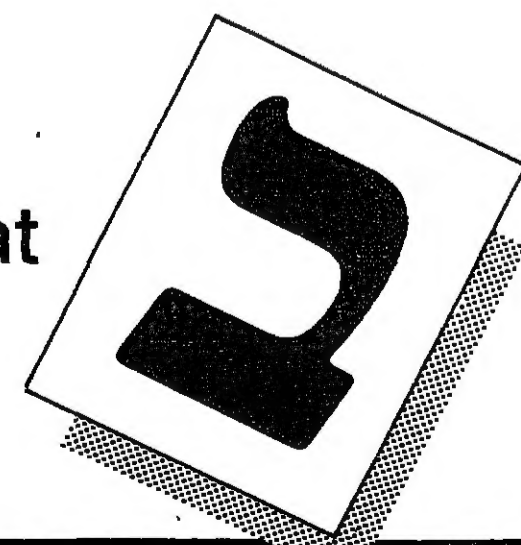
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Problem in space shuttle's computer

Debut of Discovery delayed by a day

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP). — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration cancelled yesterday's debut launch of the space shuttle Discovery after a problem was discovered in its computer system just half an hour before scheduled liftoff.

The launch was set back 24 hours — to 8:43 a.m. EDT (1343 Israel time) today — as NASA engineers worked to swap out the "suicide-sized" computer. A six-person crew was aboard Discovery when yesterday morning's delay was announced.

Even if the swap-out is successful, weather was a potential problem and the shuttle forecaster said he was "pessimistic" about conditions for today.

"The launch team is optimistic they will be able to proceed," said Kennedy Space Centre spokesman Hugh Harris.

The ship's 500,000 gallons of liquid propellant was drained after the

cancellation and would be reloaded after midnight.

"We have a serious hardware problem," shuttle operations director Thomas Utsman told reporters. Rather than attempt to fix the errant machine, Utsman said a replacement would be cannibalized from sister ship Challenger, which is being readied nearby for a November flight.

Yesterday's was the third postponement of a shuttle launch during final countdown, but the first since flight No. 2 in November 1981. The first delay — caused by debris that threw off the back-up computer — set back Columbia's maiden voyage for 48 hours. The second flight was delayed due to malfunctioning hydraulics for more than a week.

Discovery's first countdown progressed smoothly overnight and until the final hour, but when the crew switched data from their four main

computers to a back-up, launch control noticed first a stray signal, then that the back-up was out of synchronization — that is, it did not duplicate the data it received.

"The back-up flight system apparently has stopped, hung-up," said launch control spokesman Mark Hess.

Discovery's flight crew, lying on their backs aboard ship for more than two hours before the cancellation, included America's second woman astronaut and an industry engineer whose weightless manufacturing process will produce test quantities of a mystery drug.

A military communications satellite, a large earth mapping camera and a 10-story-tall solar panel waited in the cargo bay.

Launch director Bob Sieck expressed regrets to commander Henry Hartsfield and told him he appreciated the crew's patience.

Sikh terrorists assassinate 5

NEW DELHI (AP). — Suspected Sikh terrorists reportedly assassinated five persons, including a three-month-old girl, and army troops shot dead a Sikh extremist. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi yesterday told soldiers life in Punjab was returning to normal.

The victims of terrorist gunfire died late Sunday night in separate attacks, and the Sikh terrorist was gunned down early yesterday morning, the United Nations of India (UNI) reported.

UNI said one terrorist died and two escaped after they ambushed an army patrol in the Amritsar district.

Quoting the police, UNI said a man, his son and a third unidentified person were shot to death by three young men who raided a village in northern Gurdaspur district.

Also in the Gurdaspur district, which borders Pakistan, a hand grenade was thrown at a house killing a

three-month-old girl and wounding her mother and elder sister. An unidentified person was found murdered in a village in the Amritsar district.

Army troops arrested several persons in Punjab villages after they reportedly attempted to hoist flags of "Khalistan," a proposed independent homeland for India's 13 million Sikhs.

The prime minister, meanwhile, told army troops in Jalandhar in northern Uttar Pradesh that life in Punjab was returning to normal after the army assault on the Golden Temple complex and the capture of terrorists.

Justifying the army operation, Gandhi said that law and order in Punjab had deteriorated so much that even people who went for a morning walk did not know whether they would return or be assassinated by terrorists.



Lord Carrington, (Rahamim Israeli)

Carrington takes over as Nato chief

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Britain's Lord Carrington took office as Nato's sixth secretary-general yesterday and put U.S.-European understanding and East-West dialogue at the top of his agenda.

The 65-year-old former foreign and defence secretary told reporters on arrival at Alliance headquarters he thought Nato was in "pretty good shape."

But he acknowledged in a British radio interview that there were problems between the U.S. and Europe over defence spending and said one of his tasks would be to explain each side's case on the other side of the Atlantic.

The U.S. Senate last week narrowly defeated a move towards a major withdrawal of American troops from Europe if European governments did not boost military spending, and Nato officials have predicted a renewed long and divisive debate over defence "burden sharing" within the alliance.

Officials said they were counting on Carrington to boost Nato's public image and help convince Americans that staying in Europe was in their own interest as well as Europe's.

The new secretary-general, who will head an international staff of 1,300 officials drawn from Nato's 16 member nations, gave a high priority to reviving East-West dialogue but appeared to recognize no progress was likely until after the U.S. presidential elections.

TAKEOVER. — Eleven unarmed Turkish political exiles yesterday occupied the UN information offices in Athens to protest against treatment of political prisoners in Turkey. Police said the exiles, members of the leftwing Dev Yol (revolutionary way) organization, were forcibly ejected after 60 minutes by Greek police and taken to police headquarters for questioning.

Soviets: disarmament would help environment

MUNICH, West Germany (AP). — The Soviet Union made a fresh appeal for reductions in nuclear arms yesterday at the start of a three-day East-West environmental congress.

Soviet official Yuri Israel told the 31-nation Multilateral Conference on the Environment that disarmament would help protect the environment.

"When we are discussing environment, we need to talk about maintaining peace," he said.

The conference is the first major environmental forum since an international meeting in Stockholm in 1972.

Israeli, chairman of Moscow's

U.S. confirms Soviet blast

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger yesterday confirmed reports of a major explosion last month at a Soviet naval ammunition base.

Describing the blast as "very, very big in intensity," Weinberger told reporters it "certainly destroyed a lot of material and facilities."

So far, he said, the U.S. does not have information on what caused the explosion on the far-north Kola Peninsula, a major basing area for the Soviet northern fleet.

Until now, the U.S. government has refused to either confirm or deny reports last week from intelligence sources that such an explosion occurred.

Authorities were said to be con-

cerned that they would risk uncovering certain very sensitive sources of information within the Soviet Union if they did so, although they acknowledged that the blast itself had been detected by satellites and other means.

The main concern of intelligence officials is that any disclosure of any hard, detailed data would tell the Soviets something about U.S. means of gathering intelligence beyond satellites and other devices.

The unofficial reports had said that a considerable number of both surface-to-air and anti-ship missiles were destroyed and that there was a heavy loss of life. Weinberger did not venture beyond a few general remarks.

Iran denies shelling civilians

LONDON. — Iran yesterday denied a charge by Iraq that it bombarded civilian areas of the southern Iraqi city of Basra Sunday night, the national Iranian news agency Irna reported.

The Irna report, received in London, quoted a spokesman for Iran's war information headquarters in Tehran as saying the allegation was unfounded.

An Iraqi military spokesman had said on Baghdad radio that four artillery rounds hit Basra Sunday night in violation of a mutual agreement not to attack civilian targets.

The agreement, effective from June 12, was reached through the mediation of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

In Washington, a U.S. official denounced as "ridiculous" an Iranian charge that the U.S. supplied Iraq with 2,000 kilograms of internationally outlawed mustard gas.

The charge came Sunday, as Iraq

declared that its warplanes had struck four targets south of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal, breaking a two-week hiatus in naval attacks in the Gulf.

Irna said the sale was proved by "documents obtained from a U.S. Air Force base in Spain." It did not say how the documents were obtained.

The news agency alleged that two U.S. Air Force planes flew the mustard gas from California to the Torrejon Air Force Base in Spain on Jan. 21. It said the gas was transferred to Baghdad the next day and was used against Iranian troops during their offensive along the central front in February.

U.S. State Department spokesman Brian Carlson called the allegation "ridiculous." Spokesmen for the Defence Department and the Air Force said they probably would have no statement on the matter before late yesterday. (Reuters, AP)

Little hope seen for solving European budgetary dispute

FONTAINEBLEAU, France (AP). — Western European leaders arrived here yesterday to make a fresh attempt to resolve money problems in the 10-nation European Economic Community.

British sources quickly made it clear that Prime Minister Thatcher, while coming here in a "spirit of compromise," is not prepared to settle "at any price."

The dispute, which has defied resolution for at least six months, pits Thatcher against her nine continental partners. She is seeking a reduction in Britain's contributions and greater overall budget discipline to keep the trading bloc from running out of money by the fall.

British sources, who would not be identified by name, said "it is time to

put this issue behind us. Failure to do so is paralysing the community."

While the sources said there "seems to be compromise in the air," they doubted if there is the "political will to do it."

The EC leaders arrived one by one at the 16th-century Fontainebleau Chateau and were warmly greeted by French President Francois Mitterrand, current EC president under a six-month rotating system. The first formal session of the two-day summit began on schedule.

On the eve of the summit, French officials had worked by telephone with delegations in an effort to outline a compromise solution. But one British source said privately that the last-minute efforts to reach agreement were mostly "wishful thinking."

Kennedy backs Mondale's candidacy

NORTH OAKS, Minnesota (AP). — Sen. Edward Kennedy endorsed Walter Mondale's bid for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination yesterday shortly after Mondale aides said the former vice-president will meet chief rival Gary Hart today.

"Now is the time for us to stop debating ourselves," Kennedy said during an appearance with Mondale in the rotunda of the state capitol.

"This is the best speech you've ever given," responded Mondale.

Kennedy's endorsement was a critical step in Mondale's efforts to unify the party behind his candidacy and the meeting in New York City with Hart, arranged during a telephone conversation between the two candidates Sunday night, could be another.

Hit-and-run driver leaves infant's body in field

BEACONSFIELD, England (AP). — The police are hunting a hit-and-run driver who killed a little girl and dumped her body in a field.

The police cordoned off the village of Seer Green near Beaconsfield, 45 kilometres northwest of London.

Relatives said the two-year-old girl was being carried by her mother

when the car hit them on a country road on Saturday night. The mother fell with her pelvis and both legs broken and covered in glass fragments, while the girl apparently went through the windshield of the car, which drove off.

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Sports

WIMBLEDON OPENING DAY
McEnroe and Lendl win;
Glickstein loses in five sets

WIMBLEDON (AP). — John McEnroe opened the defence of his men's singles title at the All-England tennis championships yesterday with a hard-fought 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1 victory over Australian Davis Cup player Paul McNamee.

Ivan Lendl, seeded No. 2 behind McEnroe, also reached the second round but was taken to five sets by veteran American Dick Stockton. Israel's Shlomo Glickstein bowed out early, however, when he suffered a five set first round defeat at the hands of Sweden's Stefan Simonsson. The talented Swede, 23, has slipped to only 111 in the world rankings but he is an extremely able player and is ranked four in his own country.

Glickstein took the opening set 6-4. Simonsson levelled with a 6-2 scoreline in the second. The Israeli champ spurted ahead again with a 6-3 win in the third, but dropped the final two sets 6-3, 6-4.

McEnroe, bidding for a third title, was given a stern first-round test but kept his notorious temper in check and could have won in straight sets. After winning the first two sets, he built up a 5-2 lead in the third set tiebreak and then had two match points. But he overhit a simple fore-

hand to allow the courageous McNamee back into the match. The Australian, a two-time Wimbledon champion, beat McEnroe in the French championships three years ago, and at times matched the 25-year-old New Yorker in serving and volleying. But after three closely contested sets, he was unable to stop the champion and won only one more game in the two, 35-minute contest.

Lendl, who won the French title earlier this month and reached the semifinals here last year, struggled with his timing against his 33-year-old opponent, a "wild card" entry. The 24-year-old Czech won 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 in two hours, 37 minutes but found it hard to adapt to grass after the slow red clay of Paris and often had to rely on his reliable service returns and passing shots to get him out of trouble.

The first men's seed to go out of the championships was Sweden's Anders Jarryd. The No. 10 seed lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 to Scott Davis of the United States.

One of the first players to get through on the opening day of the tournament was last year's runner-up, Chris Lewis of New Zealand who defeated Roland Stadler of Switzerland 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Other first round results: Rodney Harmon (US) def. Emilio Sanchez (Sp) in five sets; Ramesh Krishnan (India) def. Simon Colombo (Italy) in straight sets; Joachim Nyström (Sw) def. Tim Wilkison (US) in four sets; Tim Gullikson (US) def. Hank Pfister (US) in four sets and Nola Odior (Nigeria) def. Jeff Turpin (US) in three sets.

Zahava's outstanding pre-Olympic run

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Olympics-bound Israeli marathon star Zahava Shmueli, 29, won her first long-distance title in overseas competition abroad, when she led a good-class field of 60 women competitors home in the 20.2km. Enschede half-marathon in Holland over the weekend. Shmueli — who will be Israel's flag bearer in Los Angeles — completed the course in the magnificent time of 1 hour, 09 minutes, 04 seconds, clipping more than 3½ minutes off her previous best time for

the distance, which she achieved only three months ago in the Tel Aviv "mini-marathon." The Dutch run was one of the best performances ever recorded by an Israeli athlete.

Shmueli, the mother of two boys, had been rated as only the fourth-fastest half-marathon runner among the participants. She finished a full 49 seconds ahead of the race favourite from England.

Following a telephone conversation with Shmueli, her younger sister Mital Shalom said yesterday: "Although she is in top form at present, Zahava never expected to run such a fast time, especially as the race was held in bad weather, with a strong wind blowing."

Mary Decker sustains rare track defeat

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Little-known Ruth Wysocki handed heralded Mary Decker her first loss on the track in four years, beating the world champion in the women's 1,500-metre final at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials on Sunday night.

Wysocki, 27, showed little respect for Decker, ranked as the world's best over the distance and the strong favourite to win the Olympic gold medal. She caught the front-running Decker with about 300 metres remaining, then fell slightly behind coming around the final curve, but regained the lead with about 40m left and hung on for a narrow victory.

Wysocki was timed in 4 minutes, 00.18 seconds, an Olympic trials record. Decker was right behind her in 4:00.40 and will still run in Los Angeles as the top three finishers in every event are chosen.

Confident Dwight Stones, who had predicted he would break the American record in the men's high jump, did it in style, clearing 7 feet, 8 inches (2.337m).

Stones, clearing the height on his second attempt, eclipsed the mark of 2.33m set last year by Tyke Peacock. The world record is (2.39) by Zhu Jianhua of China.

Also qualifying for the U.S. squad is South African born Sydney Maree who finished third in the 1,500m on the last day of qualifying trials. Maree, 27, eligible to compete for the U.S. only when he became a citizen on May 1, barely held off a charge by fourth place finisher Chuck Aragon.

Meaningful pitching

NEW YORK (AP). — Not only is Rick Sutcliffe happy to be back in the National League, he's thrilled to be pitching in meaningful games now that summer has rolled in.

Sutcliffe was acquired from Cleveland by the Chicago Cubs on June 13 and the 1979 NL rookie of the year has won two straight starts for his new team. His latest victory came on Sunday on a five-hit, 14-strikeout, 5-0 gem against the St. Louis Cardinals, in a centrepiece weekend baseball action.

Elsewhere in the NL, it was Montreal 5, New York 3; Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2; Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 2; San Diego 8, Cincinnati 3 in 13 innings, and Houston 8, San Francisco 3.

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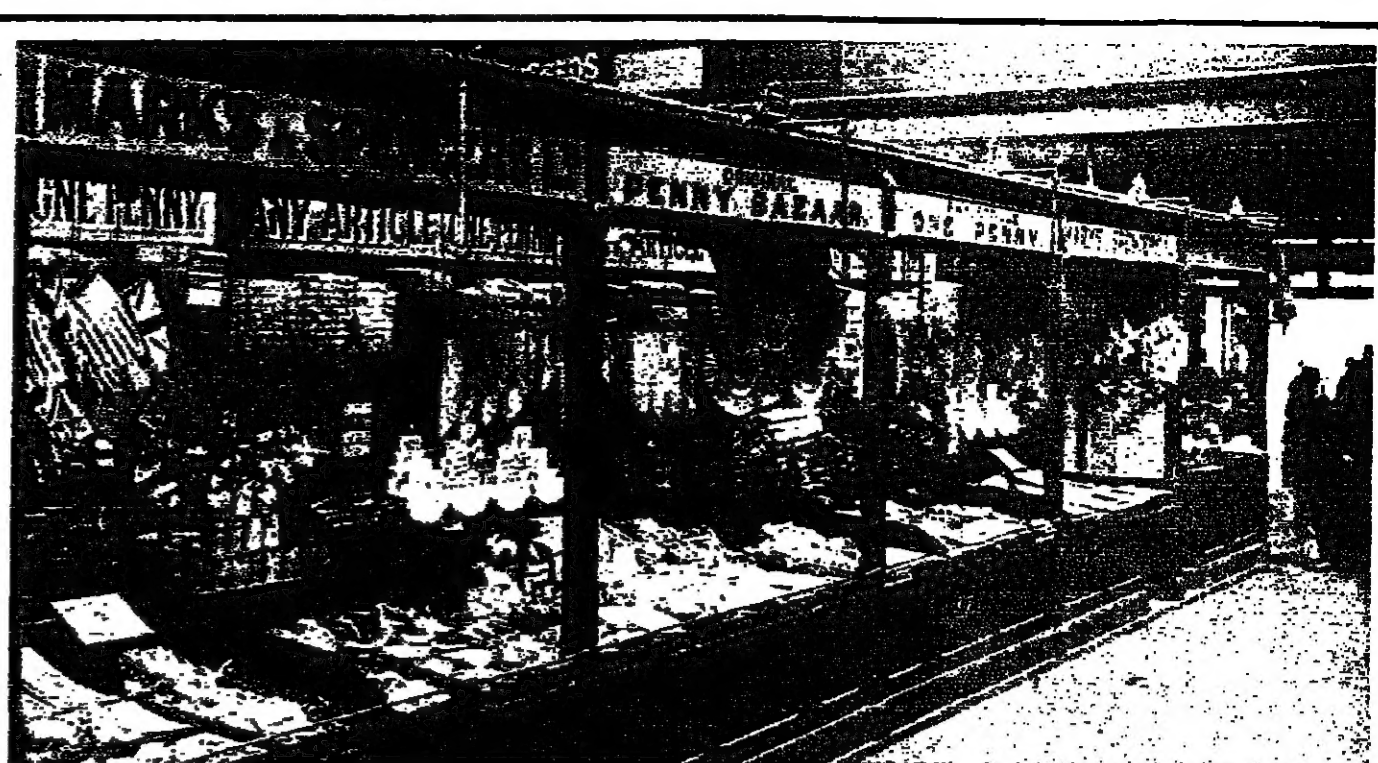
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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Post London Correspondent Hyam Corney reports on developments within Marks and Spencer in its centenary year.

IT IS IRONIC that in 1984 the famous Marks and Spencer chain of stores in Britain celebrates its centenary and will have, for the first time, a chairman and managing director who is not a member of the "family" which founded the chain and has run it for the past 100 years with such outstanding success.

The "family," in fact, comprises three families — the Marks, the Sachers and the Sieffs, all interrelated through marriage (the Spencer side of the original pair, the non-Jewish partner, faded out soon after the start).

Those three families have not only

made the name of M and S famous throughout Britain, Israel and other parts of the world for quality and efficiency, but they have also played a leading role in Anglo-Jewry, world Zionism and in Israel itself.

But this will shortly come to an end. Next month, the present Chair-

man, Lord (Marcus) Sieff, is stepping down at his own initiative. He recently celebrated his 70th birthday and feels that the time has come to make way for a younger man.

That man is Lord Rayner, a non-Jew and with no family connections to the Sieffs, the Sachers or the

Marks. But he has worked for the company for many years and is a good friend of Israel. In fact, he led the British delegation to the recent Jerusalem economic conference.

Lord Sieff is staying on as a director and will also assume the title of president, though it will probably be purely symbolic. He will certainly not be involved any longer in the day-to-day running of this huge and profitable empire which now has 48,000 employees, annual profits of almost £300 million, and outlets in Israel, Canada, Belgium and France, as well as throughout Britain.

He intends, however, to maintain an active interest in Israel. "My desire to be helpful to Israel," he says "will change very little once I retire. I hope to continue to make my modest contribution."

WHICH IS NOT surprising for a man who was nurtured on Zionism from the day he was born into an illustrious family whose connections with the Jewish homeland go back to the early days of this century. Marcus Sieff's late father, Israel Sieff, was an outstanding Zionist leader and friend and colleague of Chaim Weizmann, as well as all the "greats" of British Zionism. His late

partnership with Thomas Spencer, a non-Jew. It was a partnership that lasted until Spencer died in 1905.

Michael's son Simon joined the business in 1907 and was chairman for 48 years until his death in 1964. He was one of the leaders of British and world Zionism.

M and S became a public company in 1926, by which time the one-penny price on goods had been increased to a limit of five shillings (one-quarter of a pound). Today, more than 14 million people shop in the 262 M and S stores in Britain each week. The biggest of those stores is at the Marble Arch in London's Oxford Street.

After 182 years, there is still no light at the end of the tunnel.

The project is one of Europe's grandest unfulfilled engineering dreams — a tunnel running for 37 km. under the Channel to link Britain and France.

Started and abandoned twice, in 1881 and 1974, it appeared to be back in business earlier this year when five major British construction companies joined forces to campaign and bid for it.

Unfulfilled dream

By ALEXANDER MAXEY
London

Paid entirely by bank loans, the total cost, including interest payments, would be between £7.4 and £5.4b. (\$10 and \$7.6b.).

The link favoured by the banks was a twin-bore rail tunnel costing £2b. (\$2.8b.) to build, or £7.5b. (\$10.5b.) on 100-per-cent debt finance.

The amounts required were "not simply without precedent but touching the limits of market acceptability," the bankers said.

"No bank in the world would find it acceptable," said George Barrett, of Britain's Midland Bank, one of the five involved. "It is not only the size of the sum needed, but the extremely long period before lenders would get their money back."

The rail tunnel would not be finished until 1993 if work began this year. The banks insist that government guarantees are needed in case the project were abandoned for political reasons, or the money ran out before construction was completed.

The British and the French have been planning a Channel tunnel since 1802, when French engineer Albert Mathieu designed for Napoleon a candlelit tunnel for horse-drawn carriages.

The 1881 tunnel ran for 2,000 yards (nearly two km.) before boring

was abandoned. Drilling began again in 1974 when a new British government decided costs were getting out of hand, and renounced a treaty with the French to build a tunnel.

Many other plans have died at the drawing board because of Britain's recurrent fear of losing its island security.

British advocates of the Channel say it would lower export costs, create growth in industry by drawing Britain economically closer to Continental Europe, and provide up to 100,000 jobs over the nine-year construction period.

A TUNNEL is fiercely opposed by companies and individuals who make a living from Channel sea-ports.

"There can be no escaping the fact that it will be the British taxpayer who has to bear the risk of financial failure," said Jonathan Sloggett, head of the Dover Harbour Board.

Conservationists also argue that a Channel would scar the countryside of southeast England and northern France.

The bankers suggested two ways to finance the project, each combining equity capital plus bonds and bank loans.

In the first, the governments, or possibly the European Community, might act as lender of last resort if cost overruns could not be met in a variety of other ways.

The second would involve launching £916m. (\$1.27 billion) in index-linked state-guaranteed bonds and £3.5 billion (\$4.87b.) in partly state-guaranteed loans. (Reuter)

Meaningful picture

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Shares tumble after dollar jumps

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
By PINHAS LANDAU

Free share prices fell across the board yesterday in the wake of the midday news that the Bank of Israel had devalued the shekel by an abnormally high margin of 2.6 per cent. This move threw many of the traders into something of a tizzy, with the motives behind the sharp fall in the shekel a source of confusion and disagreement.

In the morning, the index-linked and dollar-linked bond markets had ended mostly uneventfully, with a tendency to slight rises. Volume slipped to \$714 million and the bond index advanced by the respectable, but not outstanding, amount of 0.71 per cent.

By the time the share market opened for trading, at one o'clock, the news of the "mini-devaluation" was already public and its impact was soon felt.

The two sectors of the share market zoomed off in totally different directions. The "arrangement" bank shares rose by margins of up to 6 per cent. Volume in this sector was \$5430m., slightly below Sunday's levels, but well above the recent average. The index for the "arrangement" share group rose by 2.35 per cent, more or less in line with the dollar devaluation for the day, leaving the yields on these shares unchanged as a result.

Large volume, totalling \$1334m., was recorded in the "free" share sectors as well. In fact, the total share volume surpassed that of bonds for the first time in several weeks.

However, in the free market the results were quite different. Every sector, except the resilient insurance and specialized financial institutions - the stars of recent weeks - showed large losses. Leading the pack downwards was the oil sector, which followed Sunday's loss with another tumble of 4.29 per cent. In this group, the J.O.E.L. shares were "sellers only" for the second successive day, and will trade without any price limit today.

Real estate shares lost 3.59 per cent, the large industrial sector fell by an overall 3 per cent and the investment companies were not far behind, slipping 2.84 on a sectoral basis.

The non-bank index fell by the significant margin of 2.61 per cent. However, so great is the weight of the "arrangement" bank index, that the rise in that sector was sufficient to nullify the losses in the free shares

Dollar steadies at high levels

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar looked set to reach new record levels against major world currencies after major U.S. banks began raising their prime rates yesterday.

Responding to strong credit demand in the buoyant U.S. economy, Citicorp and Chemical Bank upped to 13 per cent from 12 1/2 per cent the rate at which they lend to their best customers. Other banks began to fall in line with their lead.

Widely predicted in recent days, the rise was nonetheless a blow to other currencies, battered by the Reagan Administration's hands-off economic policy and by last Friday's U.S. taxation proposal which will make American markets even more attractive for foreign capital.

The dollar, which traded early yesterday at more than 2.81 West

Bank of Israel exchange rates
June 25, 1984

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U.S. dollar	227.81	
British Sterling	308.23	
German mark	81.129	
French franc	26.427	
Dutch guilder	72.046	
Swiss franc	97.363	
Swedish krona	27.723	
Norwegian krone	28.720	
Danish krone	22.144	
Finnish mark	38.428	
Canadian dollar	173.72	
Australian dollar	194.61	
South African rand	170.14	
Belgian franc (10)	39.879	
Austrian schilling (10)	115.57	
Italian lire (100)	131.64	
Japanese yen (100)	95.358	
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GERMANY	MARK	80.6546	81.6610
FRANCE	FRANC	26.2733	26.6012
HOLLAND	GULDEN	71.5655	72.4588
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	96.6684	97.6746
SWEDEN	KRONA	27.5556	27.8995
NORWAY	KRONA	28.5387	28.8948
DENMARK	KRONA	22.0059	22.2406
FINLAND	MARK	38.2041	38.6808
CANADA	DOLLAR	172.4802	174.6323
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	193.7506	196.1681
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	168.9534	171.0615
BELGIUM	FRANC	39.6493	40.1430
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING 10	114.9226	116.3565
ITALY	LIRE 1000	130.7145	132.3455
JAPAN	YEN 1000	94.6478	95.8268

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COUNTRY	CURRENCY	1 month	3 months	6 months
USA	DOLLAR	1.3540/3	1.3612/3	1.3700/2
DM	MARK	2.3407/2	2.3470/2	2.3530/2
FR	FRANC	2.2607/4	2.2670/4	2.2730/4

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	per \$
USA	DOLLAR	1.3518/25
DM	MARK	2.3093/00
FR	FRANC	2.3407/2
IT	LIRE	1730.00/10
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The show's the thing

THE STRIKING TV staffers have failed to keep election advertising off the screen. Unfortunately, for now the public will again be subject to these mindless messages that have done so much to trivialize Israeli politics.

The broadcasts of this new brand of mass entertainment first came into its own in the elections of 1977. Ezer Weizman, then in charge of the Likud election campaign, hired an advertising agency to sell the Likud as if it were toothpaste or grapefruits. In the 1981 campaign, perhaps the most brutal Israel has seen, TV political advertising played an important role in promoting the issue of ethnic tensions.

Once the major parties got hooked on the efficiency of this medium, it was not surprising that they were prepared to spend momentous sums for show-business personalities to be the super salesmen selling the parties' products.

There is nothing objectionable in seeking to popularize political issues, nor in couching their presentation in earthy, easily understood terms. But television ads by their very nature — like the medium of TV itself — do not appeal to the mind. They appeal to emotion and create wholly contrived semblances of contact and intimacy. In short, they assume the voters to have every quality, but intellect.

Moreover, in adopting this American art form, Israel's parties have gone beyond the model. For in the U.S. each party wages its own campaign, as if they were selling their own beer. In Israel, the parties respond to each others' ads, establishing a dialogue of inanities.

Perhaps the U.S.'s great, powerful and resilient democracy that it is, can afford the trivialization of its politics. Israel cannot.

It would be well, therefore, if after these elections, the remaining men of reason in our major parties review the practice of reducing the challenges facing our nation to a matter of jingles, powder and makeup.

Icing, but no cake

DETAILS of last week's Syrian-brokered plan to restore order in Beirut have now been made public, revealing once again both the limits of Damascus' influence in Beirut and the cautious balancing act it is obliged to play to keep the fragile government it has set up from collapsing.

The replacement of the Lebanese Army's Maronite commander, General Ibrahim Tannous, who has been held responsible by both the Shi'a and the Druse for the bombardment of civilian areas in and around Beirut earlier this year, was an inevitability that even the Christians had to recognize.

But his replacement by another prominent Maronite soldier, General Michel Aoun, has come as a more than adequate sweetener to the Christians. A close personal friend of the president and commander of the Lebanese Army unit that held firm at Souk al-Gharb earlier this year, stemming the Druse-Shi'a onslaught on Beirut, Syria could not have found a more acceptable replacement from the Christians' point of view.

Syria had, of course, to override strenuous opposition, particularly by the Druse, to Aoun's appointment. But, as it has consistently shown since Jemayel's capitulation to its dictates earlier this year, Damascus feels few compunctions about overriding the interests of its former proteges in Lebanon in its bid to keep Rashid Karamah's government in Beirut from collapsing.

A few bones were, of course, also thrown to the opposition, with both the Druse and the Shi'a represented on the six-man military council set up to oversee the army, and the establishment of a new Shi'a-headed national intelligence agency.

But Syria still has a long way to go before it can successfully implement the more thorough-going reforms needed to transform the army into a reliable, multi-confessional instrument of Lebanese authority, trusted equally by all communities in Lebanon.

The strongly anti-Syrian Lebanese Forces militia have already served warning that they will support any insurrection by Lebanese officers who choose to oppose Syria's plan to reduce their paramountcy in the army as the next step in its transformation.

Accordingly, few Lebanese will be seeing in Syria's latest move any credible assurance of lasting peace and security.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS. CARNABY STREET. The 1980s Mecca of mod fashion that has become a shabby vista of jeans and T-shirt boutiques, is to get a £5 million facelift.

The colourful street where London's fashion revolution began two decades ago is now almost wholly owned by Peachey Property Corp., which wants to attract back more fashion-conscious businesses to the now fading district located behind glittering Piccadilly Circus.

"The shops have become very stylized," said Peachey manager David Beaman. "We want to expand the mix so that it has a much wider appeal. We want people to linger longer there."

The coloured plastic pavement in the street, reserved for pedestrians, will be ripped up and replaced, and lamps and posts will be installed, Beaman said.

Peachey is hoping that new businesses will move into the brightly renovated street as leases on the multitude of souvenir and cheap-clothes stores run out over the next two years.

PS. THE SOVIET UNION. Algeria and Israel are the countries Britons like least. Switzerland, Sweden and West Germany are the countries they regard most favourably, a public opinion survey reported recently.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is tops with Britons on the

world leaders' list, followed by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and U.S. President Ronald Reagan. Least liked is Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, followed by Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Cuba's Fidel Castro.

The Sunday Times said it commissioned the poll by Market Opinion and Research International after the French weekly *Nouvel Observateur* discovered that French people "also like Switzerland best, love Mrs. Gandhi and Ronald Reagan and think highly of West Germany and Chancellor Kohl."

The pollsters put the names of 15 countries to people they questioned, asking them to say if they regarded them favourably or otherwise and only the last three received an overall minus rating.

The list came out like this, from top to bottom: Switzerland, Sweden, West Germany, U.S., Italy, Portugal, Japan, Greece, Spain, China, Poland, France, Israel, Algeria, Soviet Union.

PS. A BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE recently told me that he had been very successful on the black market. Since I know my friend to be a man of the utmost probity, I was rather taken aback by his statement. I needn't have worried. It turned out that he had just returned from South Africa, where he had been selling skin lotion to bleach the Africans' skins. E.G.

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WHATEVER THE Supreme Court decides in the appeals against the decisions of the Central Elections Committee to disqualify the Kach and Progressive lists, the limits on the right of representation will be high on the agenda of the next Knesset. Under our system of government, in the absence of a written constitution, the ultimate decision is in the hands of the people's elected representatives.

Indeed, Justice Sussman, who wrote one of the opinions disqualifying the El-Ard list in 1983, the only judicial precedent on the subject, took the legislature to task for not settling the questions involved after the court had said its say.

Writing in *Mishpatim*, published by the faculty of law of the Hebrew University, he recalled that the court had acted without statutory authority in sustaining the Elections Committee's disqualification of "a list of candidates who had joined together in an illegal organization."

He noted that the court had been split on the issue, "and when the same question comes before the court again, a different panel could rule otherwise."

"In the course of the six years that have passed since then, the legislature itself has not found the time to solve this weighty question, in which the opinions of the judges in the court were divided. Would it not have been worthwhile, in this matter, not to rely on a chance majority of the court?"

These words are as true now as they were in 1971, when Justice Sussman wrote them. They will be true after the court has said its say in the case about to reach it.

The court in the El-Ard case was not divided with respect to the need for authority to disqualify a subversive list. The dissenting voice, Justice

Haim Cohn, declared the he agreed with "all his heart that there is need for given authority in the hands of some body, whether the Central Elections Committee or the Knesset itself or a court, to remove from the Knesset those who deny the essential, such as those who betray the state or give aid to its enemies."

What he did dispute was whether such authority had, in fact, been conferred on the Elections Committee and whether it could act without express statutory authority.

NO JUDICIAL VOICE has been raised in Israel in favour of an unqualified right of representation. Before deciding that the recent decisions of the Elections Committee were "a democratic move," in the language of Yosef Goell's recent article in these pages, it would be worthwhile to realize where we are now.

There is one simple way to avoid all the weighty constitutional issues involved in setting limits to such a basic right in a free society as the right of political freedom. That is to raise the minimum percentage of votes required for Knesset representation.

Until now, the candidates for disqualification have been marginal groups with little popular support. As late as the 1981 elections, the present 1 per cent limitation was sufficient to keep Meir Kahane's Kach out of the Knesset.

It may be that in today's super-heated political atmosphere, with extremism achieving a certain respectability in some quarters, a higher threshold is now necessary. The point is often overlooked that

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an extremist movement with mass support would be unlikely to be deterred by lack of Knesset representation. It could be argued that extra-parliamentary groups pose a greater threat to democracy than political groups domesticated in the legislative environment.

The Weimar example, cited by Justice Sussman in the El-Ard decision, does not prove the contrary. The Nazis rose to power in Germany through their strength in the street, not in the *Reichstag*. It is very much of an open question if the course of German history would have been changed decisively had they been denied parliamentary representation.

A proposed Political Parties Law, discussed in Labour's leadership bureau as long ago as 1976 and later presented to the Knesset by Shmuel Tamir as minister of justice, provided for a Registrar of Political Parties, to be appointed jointly by the Interior and Justice ministers. He would have the authority to accord the status of a political party only to groups whose aims do not negate the existence, integrity or security of the state. This would leave the grounds for disqualification as determined by the El-Ard decision, changing the forum in which the decision would be made.

ON THE substantive issue, it is not clear whether the proposed registrar, or a reviewing court, would read into the law something approximating a clear-and-present-danger test. In the El-Ard case, Justice Cohn asked the attorney-general whether the disqualification proposed for El-Ard would also apply to

a Jewish group, such as Netorei Karta, which denies the legitimacy of the state, if it were to propose a Knesset list. The then attorney-general Moshe Ben-Ze'ev answered that "no one would imagine prohibiting them from presenting candidates in the Knesset elections, if they so wish."

He argued that they could not be compared with El-Ard, a Nasserite group, allegedly working under orders from Cairo. El-Ard, he declared, had relations with our enemies, while Netorei Karta, as the name implies, was self-confined.

Should the grounds for disqualification, in any legislative action in this area, be limited to the El-Ard situation, or should it include the subversion of democratic institutions?

The judges in El-Ard, clearly distinguished between the case before them and internal changes of government. The repeal of existing legislation would hardly qualify as grounds for disqualification, under the language of the majority opinions in El-Ard. This would presumably include landmark actions of the Knesset, however they might be defined.

Legislative enactment in this area would inevitably leave an undefined area of uncharted discretion in the hands of the body charged with making the determination. For example, would a party place itself beyond the pale by supporting Rafael Eitan's proposal to deny the right to vote to those who do not serve in the army or in alternative national service.

WHO SHOULD be charged with the responsibility of determining the

question of disqualification in any future legislative scheme? The registrar proposal embraces the assumption that this decision should be in non-partisan hands.

The Knesset Elections Committee, whatever its virtues, represents political parties. The assertion that the parties acted against their own immediate better electoral interests in the recent Elections Committee decisions is, to say the least, highly questionable.

Rakab, for example, however it might lose support to the competing Progressive list should that party be permitted to compete in the coming elections, could hardly appear before its constituency as supporting the disqualification of a political group with aims not very different from its own.

Moreover, if the legislative intention is to deny the right of representation in the Knesset for any reason, there is no particular sense in limiting the disqualification only to new parties, unrepresented in the outgoing Knesset. The Elections Committee's authority, under present law, is limited to the approval of new lists, leaving existing parties immune to possible disqualification.

If the idea is accepted that this is a decision to be confined to a non-partisan entity, it is hard to understand the advantages of the proposed registrar over a more institutionalized non-political factor, such as the attorney-general.

It would be well to leave it to him to decide whether the public interest, not just the black-letter provisions of any future legislation, justifies the denial of such a basic right as that involved in the cases now making their way through the judicial mill.

The writer is a political scientist.

READERS' LETTERS

PREMATURE NOMINATIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I cannot understand the hurry with which Shimon Peres announced his decision to nominate Mr. Navon as Foreign Minister if the Alignment wins the elections. This causes unnecessary tension in the ranks of the party and brings back unpleasant memories to the voters.

Moreover, if the criterion for allocating posts is to be the right person in the right place, then obviously the Alignment must pick Abba Eban for the Foreign Ministry, as an able and experienced man in that field.

But if Mr. Peres wants to link the importance of the person to the importance of the position, then I would suggest he nominate Yitzhak Navon as Minister of Education. The huge complex controlled by this ministry plays a vital part in the daily life of all Israelis. Many of the problems it must cope with have been sadly neglected and budgetary restrictions are only partly to blame.

Navon, a man without prejudices, widely accepted by all sections of the population, and with a good knowledge of the nation's main problems, should do a marvellous job as Minister of Education.

GIDEON DRACH

Haifa.

ARMY PAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — My husband holds a very responsible position in the technical field of the regular army and I am tired of hearing everyone blame the current labour disputes on the pay raise given the regular army.

Since the army cannot strike like everyone else, someone has to look out for the interests of its personnel. It is true that the Israel economy may not be able to afford the pay increases, but can it afford to have planes that crash and tanks that don't run and missile boats that don't sail because there aren't any good technical people to keep them in working order? This is the question that the government and the people of Israel are faced with. Either they pay the regular army a wage that they can live on, or there will not be an army they can count on in time of need.

DONNA SUMMER

Haifa.

STRIKES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I cannot help reacting to the articles in *The Post* of June 12 about all the strikes and work protests. The very last part of one article mentions that the 8 p.m. newscast on Monday was not broadcast by Israel Radio because the typists refused to type scripts for the announcer.

Suggestion: that we take up a public collection to buy said announcer one pen and one pad of writing paper. If he or she doesn't seem to be able to figure out how to use it, there would be a search for someone who could. An announcer doesn't go on the air because a typist won't do a script? Absurd. It's like a firefighter standing stupidly by as a house burns down because his boss had given him the number of the house next door.

MILT FULLERTON

Tel Aviv.

ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I was resolved not to vote for a splinter party for the 11th Knesset. Clever Mr. Shevah Weiss, who explained to us on TV why thieves and other felons are eminently suited to serve as ministers, changed my mind for me.

If the only party that stands for honesty in government has only two representatives in the Knesset, they still deserve my vote.

T. ARNOLD

Binyamina.

THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We urge reversal of the Election Committee's decisions denying Kach and the Progressive List for Peace their right to participate in the upcoming election.

The rights to associate with others of similar political views, to express those views in public, and to submit those beliefs to the electorate for endorsement or rejection are basics to any democratic society. Specific acts of subversion and disruption must be punished, as must all other crimes, but preventing a political party from standing for office on the theory that its ideas might lead to the commission of crimes not only constitutes a violation of the right to free speech, it also demonstrates a lack of faith in the ability of the people to distinguish truth from falsehood, and is anti-democratic.

Such an action by the leading democratic state in the Middle East and the only Jewish state in the world must be of major concern to all Jews, democrats, and civil libertarians. Justice demands that the decisions be reversed and that the Israeli people be permitted their right to choose.

AMERICAN-ISRAELI CIVIL LIBERTIES COALITION
New York.

HYPOCRISY OR DOUBLE STANDARD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As a visitor to Israel, I would like to answer Mr. van der Hoeven's somewhat rhetorical question on the world's respective expectations of Israel as opposed to some other countries (Letters — June 5). I am confident that these attitudes will change when:

a) Israel becomes a leading member of OPEC and/or has nuclear missiles trained on cities of both East and West, and

b) The Arab world and Eastern block countries become major exporters of citrus fruit and leaders in the fields of cultural, scientific and technical achievement.

There is also a third possibility: the coming of the Messiah.

EDGAR HALPERN
Jerusalem (St. Albans, England).

ON THE WINGS OF SOUND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I am sure that many of your readers have a sincere respect for Abba Eban's substantial and varied abilities. However, I doubt whether any of them, including the M.K. himself would confirm the suggestion that you published on page two of *The Jerusalem Post* (June 1), that Abba Eban departed for the U.S.A. "last night" and will "lecture at the Haifa Museum at 1 p.m. today." This sounds a little beyond the realms of possibility despite the technological and aviation advances of the last few decades.

D.S. MENDELSSON
Jerusalem.

Mr. Eban is a man of many parts, but this, we agree, was too much to expect. — Ed. J.P.

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THE SHAVUOT SUPPLEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Your Shavuot supplement, subtitled "Tora study," ignores the original and creative ways in which secular Israeli Jews celebrate this feast in kibbutzim, moshavim and even in cities. This is our way of "studying Tora" as biblical texts are recited, sung, staged, with other, non-religious literary and musical works.

Shavuot is essentially an agricultural festival. It is called the day of the first fruits or the harvest feast; quite possibly it was a midsummer festival taken over from our Canaanite neighbours.

The religious circles made Shavuot essentially "the time of the

giving of the Tora". They play down the pristine significance of Shavuot. Your supplement accepts this position. It is a paean glorifying the rabbinic interpretation of the feast — and only it.

This is a dangerous thing to do at a time when we are submerged by a wave of hysteria and violence.

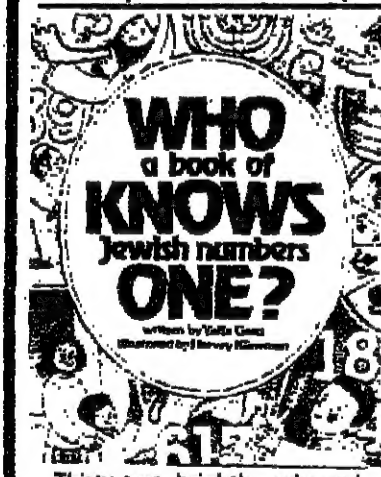
We, secular Israeli Jews, expect that our way of celebrating our historical feasts should be respected. Respect means equal rights and, in journalistic terms, equal mention.

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